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I think the proposed settlement with Microsoft is a VERY bad idea. How can the DOJ allow a company to trample others and then allow them to "pay the piper" with used computers and their own software. The penalty should not allow them to continue hurting people, make them pay with cash, earmark it for a special fund and allow the administrators to choose how to spend it. They can buy systems from anyone, and equip them with whatever software packages they want. Business need to be afraid of doing wrong. How will they improve their business practices if the penalty is to give away their product after years of selling it for a profit knowing that the consumer will be locked in for years to come. Do the right thing, and HAMMER Microsoft for years of wrongful business practices, don't reward them.

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